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BALTIMORE MEETING

A meeting of the society was held as planned at the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, on December 26, 27 and 28, 1918. Joint sessions were held with the American Society of Zoologists and the Botanical Society of America, in addition to two sessions for the reading of ecological papers, and a business meeting. The attendance was relatively small, but the meeting was regarded as a particularly profitable and successful one. The sessions were presided over by Dr. H. C. Cowles, president, and Dr. R. E. Coker, vice president. In the absence of the secretary-treasurer his duties were performed by Dr. Coker and Dr. A. D. Howard. The absence of the chairmen of two of the committees resulted in incompleteness in this portion of the programme. An enjoyable informal dinner was held at Hotel Rennert on December 26th.

The officers elected for 1919 are: President, Major Barrington Moore, American Museum of Natural History, New York; Vice President, Professor Thomas Leroy Hankinson, Eastern Illinois State Normal School, Charleston, Ill.; Secretary-Treasurer, Forrest Shreve, Desert Laboratory, Tucson, Arizona.

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

In the reorganization of the National Research Council the Ecological Society has been asked, with other scientific societies, to name a representative. This matter was regarded by the president of the society as being of such importance that the selection of our representative should be made by

the vote of the entire society rather than by nomination through the executive committee. Ballots were sent out by the secretary under cover with the bills for the 1919 dues, and every member is urged to mark and return them promptly, as the ballots will be counted on May 1st. Any member who has failed to receive the blank form of ballot should notify the secretary at once.

COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATION

In order to further the co-operation of different phases of the work of the Ecological Society, the president hereby appoints a committee to: (a) Draw up a list of problems upon which work is necessary. (b) Work on a concrete problem.

The problem decided upon is "The factors limiting distribution on the mountains in the northeastern states." Work will be started during the coming field season.

The members selected represent the three main lines of work of the society, plant ecology, forestry and zoology. They are: for plant ecology, H. L. Shantz of the Bureau of Plant Industry, Washington, D. C., and Norman Taylor of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden; for forestry, George P. Burns of the University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt., and Barrington Moore of the American Museum of Natural History, New York; for zoology the members have not yet been appointed.

Since this committee has been selected from members living close enough to one another to conveniently meet and work together in the field, and therefore does not represent the entire society, it is suggested that members living in other regions join in similar committees and work together.

The list of problems upon which work is suggested will be announced by the president in an early issue of the Bulletin.

PACIFIC COAST MEETING

A meeting of the Ecological Society will be held at Throop College, Pasadena, Cal., on June 19, 20 and 21, under the auspices of the Western Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. A joint session with the Western Society of Naturalists, for the reading of invited

papers, has already been planned. Two field trips have been arranged for June 21st, one to Mt. Wilson and the Solar Observatory of the Carnegie Institution, and one to the rich fossil deposits at Rancho La Brea.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1918

Owing to the absence of the secretary-treasurer from the business meeting at Baltimore the following report of the financial condition of the society is given here.

INCOME:

Balance from 1917.....	\$ 24.20	
Dues, 1918.....	282.00	\$306.20

EXPENSES:

Assistant to secretary.....	\$ 75.00	
O. E. Jennings, deficit Pittsburgh dinner..	7.00	
Preservation committee expense.....	24.35	
Fish committee expense.....	1.30	
Printing bulletins, circulars and stationery.	120 50	
Telegrams, expressage and incidentals....	7.65	
Postage.....	38.67	274.47
Balance on hand.....		\$ 31.73

CHANGE IN THE BULLETIN

During the past two years the amount of material for publication in the Bulletin has not been great enough to justify the appearance of twelve issues. This was due to the fact that the activities of our members were largely drawn at that time into channels of urgent national importance. During 1918 five of the mid-year numbers were omitted. As this irregularity of publication is contrary to the requirements for second class entry, the Bulletin will henceforth appear every other month throughout the year. It will be a simple matter to increase the size of each issue if this is found necessary, or to return to monthly appearance as the activities of the society resume their normal level.